Rock Hill High School
320 West Springdale Road
Rock Hill, SC 29730

2015

South Carolina
State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

Grades:	9-12 High	**Principal:**	Arthur W. Ahl, II
Enrollment:	1,993 students	**Superintendent:**	Dr. Kelly U. Pew
School Phone:	803-981-1300	**Board Chair:**	Jim Vining
School Website:	http://rh.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/		

Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge
- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills
- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics
- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.
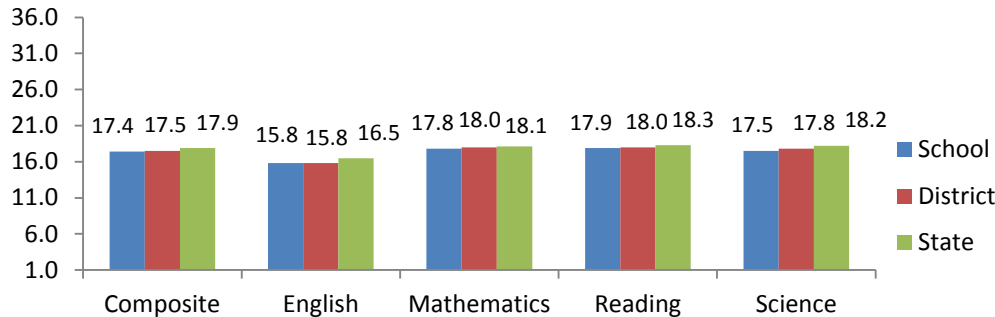
WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by …
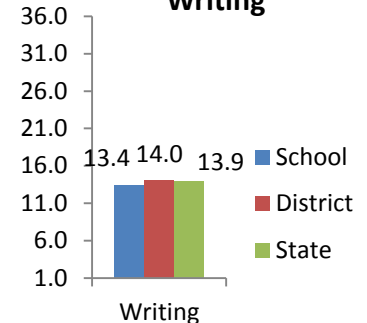
The Rock Hill High School faculty and staff continued to set high expectations for all students this year in academics, the arts, athletics, character, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement. This year we had 15 students graduate with highest honors, 20 with honors, and 97 received a gold seal diploma. One hundred and four students were CATE completers, and 15 seniors attempted to earn an IB diploma. Out of 445 graduating seniors, 263 earned LIFE and 15 earned Palmetto Fellows scholarships. The grand total of all scholarships offered to graduates was $10.4 million dollars. In the arts, students performed in All State choral, orchestral, and band instrumental ensembles, and competed in Visual Arts and Drama showcases. The Band of Distinction placed in the top 5 in the state 4A marching band competition and received the SC Band Directors Association's Outstanding Performance Award for the 17th consecutive year. Our chorus was named the 4A State Champions at the SC Choral Festival, and 10 members were selected for the SC All-State Chorus. Our Drama Department received a Superior play rating at the SC Theatre Association High School play competition, and 2 Superior ratings at the Palmetto Dramatic Association/SC Thespian Festival. The Chamber Orchestra and the Concert Orchestra participated in the SCMEA Orchestra Division's 2015 Concert Festival, earning excellent ratings. The Visual Arts Department received 7 awards this year. An Honorable Mention and 3rd place were awarded at the York County High School Art Show Rock Hill High Athletics had 42 SCHSL Scholar Athletes. 16 individual athletes made state tournaments representing wrestling, tennis, swim, golf, and track, and 15 signed to play college sports. The wrestling team won the 4A Duel Wrestling State Championship for the second straight year and swim had an Individual State Champion. The baseball and wrestling teams were named Region Champions. We had 41 All-Region athletes, two region players of the year, and two region coaches of the year. RHHS had 10 All-State athletes representing swim, cross-country, tennis, and wrestling. All faculty and staff continued to focus on improving students' achievement on End of Course, ACT, and SAT testing and will continue to work with students to provide the best education possible. EOC scores improved in Biology, Algebra and History. Teacher professional development focused on the six shifts in the Common Core State Standards. The Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program continued this year to improve school climate and character education at RHHS. By the end of the school year students had been recognized with 3438 Bearcats Bucks for showing Bearcat PRIDE (Participation, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, & Excellence). We hope to give out even more next school year. Patrick Grimsley, SIC Chair Arthur W. Ahl, II, Principal

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Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: English, Math, Reading, Science, Composite of all four tests, 2015

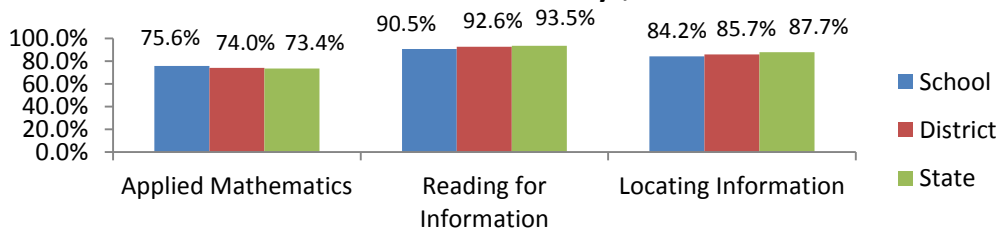### Average ACT Score Achieved by Students: Writing

The ACT, a college readiness assessment, was given to every South Carolina 11th grader in 2015 with the exception of those eligible for alternate assessments. The ACT scores range from 0 to 36. The district and state averages are included for comparison. State averages for ACT data are based on regular public schools and do not include private schools in the state.

Percent of Students Meeting ACT College-Ready Benchmarks, 2015				
English Benchmark Score: 18	**Math** Benchmark Score: 22	**Reading** Benchmark Score: 22	**Science** Benchmark Score: 23	All 4 Subjects
34.3	19	21.8	10.4	7.4

ACT benchmarks are scores on the ACT subject-area tests that represent the level of achievement required for students to have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing first-year college courses.

Percent of Students Meeting Platinum, Gold, or Silver Threshold on WorkKeys, 2015

ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring "real world" skills that employers believe are critical in the workplace. The assessment is given to every South Carolina 11th grader with the exception of those eligible for alternative assessments. The assessment consists of three subtests: Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Students can earn certificates at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level on WorkKeys assessments.

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SAT Performance				
Percent of Students Tested	Average Critical Reading Score	Average Math Score	Average Writing Score	Average Composite Score
58.5	461	460	435	1356

The highest composite score on the SAT is a 2400. For each of the three sections of the test, the highest score is 800.

End of Course Tests

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	High Schools with Students Like Ours	State
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	85.7	84.3	85.7
English 1	71.9	73.0	75.1
Biology 1	77.6	81.6	77.8
US History and the Constitution	73.8	72.1	69.1
All Subjects	77.2	77.4	77.3

High Schools with Students Like Ours are high schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

OUTCOMES

State Graduation Rate	
Four-Year	Five-Year
80.3	82.0

School Four-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
81.8	79.4	75.5	73.7

School Five-Year Cohort Graduation Rate			
2015	2014	2013	2012
85.3	78.7	76.9	73.3

Percentage of Seniors Eligible for LIFE Scholarship		
Our School	District	State
56.2	61.5	42.2

Percentage of Students from 2014 Graduating Class Enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associates degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall 2014		
Our School	District	State
68.4	70.7	70.3

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OPPORTUNITIES

For students to meet the profile of the SC Graduate

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
Students (n = 1,993)			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	57.7	Down from 63.9%	N/A
Attendance Rate	94.4	Down from 95.0%	94.2
With disabilities	13.6	Down from 14.5%	11.5
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.9	Down from 4.3%	1.5
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	26.3	Up from 19.6%	25.6
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	35.5	Up from 20.0%	22.0
Successful in AP/IB programs	42.1	Down from 47.8%	51.8
Career/tech students in co-curricular organizations	1.4	Down from 3.5%	3.1
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1944	Up from 1040	1322
Students participating in work-based experiences	45.8	Up from 41.2%	7.7
Number of seniors who have completed FAFSA forms	289	N/A	331
Percentage of seniors completing college applications	53.2	N/A	67.1
Number of students in dual enrollment courses	109	N/A	66
Success rate of students in dual enrollment courses	100.0	N/A	88.9
Annual dropout rate	3.7	Up from 2.9%	1.8
Dropout recovery rate	2.7	N/A	5.4
Percentage of students retained	3.3	Up from 2.9%	2.1
Teachers (n = 113)			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	73.5	Up from 69.4%	65.2
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	74.3	Down from 75.7%	81.2
Teachers returning from previous year	89.8	Up from 85.8%	88.9
Teacher attendance rate	95.6	Down from 95.9%	95.4
Average teacher salary*	$51,587	Up 1.0%	$50,520
Professional development days / teacher	13.6 days	Down from 17.8 days	12.6 days
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.1	Up from 1.7%	1.5
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	0.9	N/A	0.4

Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	122	398	72
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.1	79.9	84.7
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.4	75.8	81.7
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	82.7	88.8	64.8

* Only students in grade 11 and their parents were included.

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	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with students like ours
School			
Principal's years at school	4.5	Up from 3.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.4 to 1	Down from 34.5 to 1	28.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1	Down from 89.9%	88.2
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
Dual enrollment courses offered	3.0	N/A	10.0
Are online or blended (50% online) courses offered	N/A	N/C	N/A
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.1	Down from 96.6%	98.9
Character development program	Poor	Down from Excellent	Good
Avg. Age of books/electronic media in the school library	16.0	N/A	13.5
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	9.3	N/A	19.4
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
District-issued technology devices per teacher	0.9	N/C	1.7
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	76-100%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.7	N/C	0.7
Dollars spent per pupil**	$6,361	Up 5.9%	$7,817
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.3	Up from 62.0%	60.0
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	63.8	Up from 62.8%	62.5

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

State Ratings History of School

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating
2014	Good	Below Average
2013	Good	Below Average
2012	Good	Below Average

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards

Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards

2014-15 Accountability Manual

Report Card Data Files

ESEA Data Files

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